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Mr. William Caton  
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RE: Ex Parte Presentation, PR Docket No. 94-106

Dear Mr. Caton:

Please let this constitute notice, pursuant to Section 1.1206(a) of the Commissions Rules, on behalf of the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, that on April 7, 1995 Commissioner Thomas Benedict of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), Mark Kohler Assistant Attorney General of the State of Connecticut, representing the DPUC, Philip Rosario, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut, representing the people of Connecticut, Phyllis Trowbridge representing the OCC, statutorily designated representative of Connecticut public utility ratepayers, and Robert Kelly, Mark Hatten, Colin McWay, and Joseph Mazzerella representing Connecticut Telephone and Communications Systems, Inc. and Connecticut Mobilcom, Inc. met with Commissioner Susan Ness and David Siddall, Legal Advisor, to discuss the DPUC's Petition to retain regulatory authority and matters addressed in the parties' Comments and Reply Comments in the referenced matter. The DPUC distributed and discussed the attached documents at the meeting.

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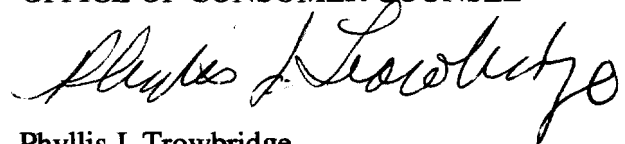
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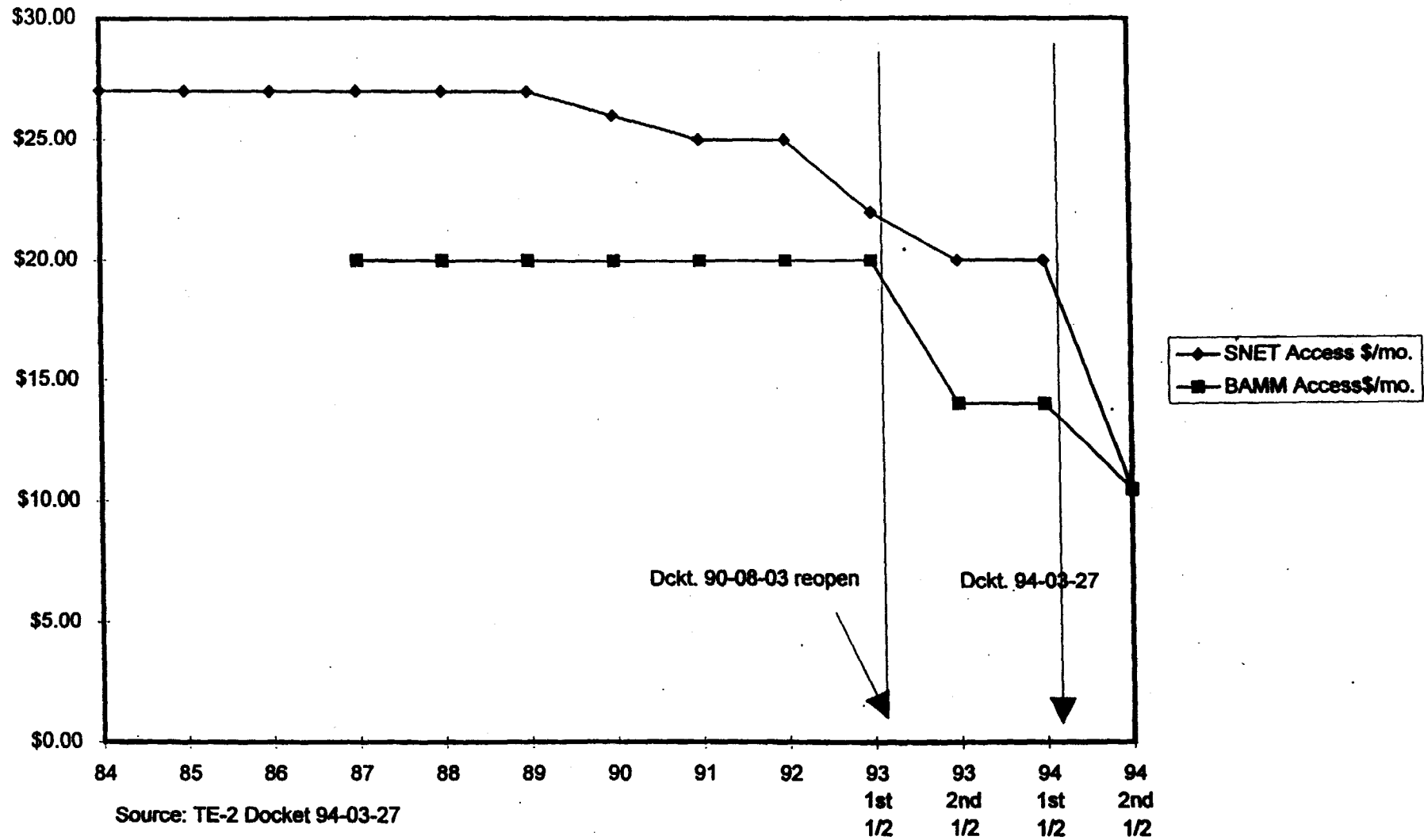
**Sec. 16-250b. Cellular mobile telephone service.**

**Department jurisdiction over. Regulations. (a) The department of public utility control shall have jurisdiction over the provision of cellular mobile telephone service by cellular mobile telephone carriers licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to operate within the state.**

**(b) Not later than six months after July 3, 1985, the department shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing (1) conditions under which the department may forbear from regulating such carriers and (2) standards and procedures for the regulation, on an equal basis with regard to all carriers, of the rates and charges, services, accounting practices, safety and conduct of operations of such carriers if the department does not forbear from regulating such carriers. Such conditions, standards and procedures shall provide for the public convenience, necessity and welfare.**

**(P.A. 85-552, S. 7, 8.)**

### Cellular Access Charge History



## Phone Numbers issued in CT As of January 1, 1995

Source: TE-17 Docket 94-11-21

Wireline	Wireless
2,843,057	1,180,500
70.66%	29.34%

## NXX Codes issued in CT in 1993 and 1994

Source: TE-9 Docket 94-11-21

	Wireline	Wireless
1993	12	28
1994	14	47

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Springwich Cellular Limited Partnership  
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Kathleen A. Carrigan  
Senior Counsel

November 9, 1994

DEPT. OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL  
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Mr. Robert J. Murphy, Executive Secretary  
Department of Public Utility Control  
One Central Park Plaza  
New Britain, Connecticut 0650

Re: Docket No. 94-03-27  
DPUC Investigation Into the Connecticut Cellular Market and  
the Status of Competition

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Springwich Cellular Limited Partnership ("Springwich") files herein an original and twelve (12) copies of a Status Report which describes certain changes or enhancements to: (i) its wholesale prices; (ii) its operational structure; (iii) service activation procedures for resellers; and (iv) access to interstate interexchange carriers. Some of these changes have already been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.

Should there be any questions concerning this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

CERTIFICATION

An original and twelve (12) copies of the foregoing have been hand-delivered this November 9, 1994, to Robert J. Murphy, Executive Secretary, Department of Public Utility Control, One Central Park Plaza, New Britain, CT 06051; two (2) copies hand-delivered this November 9, 1994, to John F. Merchant, Office of Consumer Counsel, Suite 501, 136 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051, and one copy sent by First Class U.S. Mail this November 9, 1994 to all other known parties and intervenors.

  
Kathleen A. Carrigan  
Commissioner of the Superior Court

## **Status Report of Springwich Cellular Limited Partnership**

Springwich Cellular Limited Partnership ("Springwich") wishes to inform the Department of Public Utility Control ("Department") that it has initiated, or is initiating, certain changes or enhancements to: (i) its wholesale prices; (ii) its operational structure; (iii) service activation procedures for resellers; and (iv) access to interstate interexchange carriers. Each of these initiatives is separately discussed below.

It is Springwich's hope that these initiatives will serve both to enhance Springwich's wholesale product and alleviate the concerns expressed by the Department in its Decision in Docket No. 94-03-27 issued on August 8, 1994. Springwich will be available to discuss these initiatives further as the Department may deem necessary.

### **A. Wholesale Pricing**

Springwich has changed its rates for cellular numbers effective November 1, 1994. Springwich now charges a flat rate of \$10.50 to all Resellers for each cellular number regardless of the volume of numbers purchased. The flat rate of \$10.50 is the lowest rate currently charged by Springwich. The introduction of a flat rate for each cellular number instead of the previous tiered rates will eliminate the concerns stated by some Resellers about the effect on them of the prior tiered arrangement. It also serves as an important competitive response to the rates of Bell Atlantic Metromobile. Attached hereto are the revised tariff sheets that Springwich filed with the Department under separate cover on October 26, 1994.

## **B. Operational Structure**

Springwich is reviewing its operational structure, along with relevant written material and guidelines, to ensure consistency with SNET Standards of Conduct and with the principle that Resellers' proprietary information must be treated with utmost confidentiality, and will take any actions that are appropriate as a result of this review.

In addition, operational functions that involve substantial contact with Resellers are staffed by personnel who have only wholesale responsibilities. Also, the person responsible for wholesale product planning and product pricing, is a dedicated wholesale person with no retail responsibilities. Similar separation occurs on the retail side. Retail product planning and pricing are being performed by an individual with no wholesale responsibilities. These individuals report to a Marketing Vice President. This operational structure will minimize concerns regarding the flow of sensitive information between the wholesale and retail units, and enable the individuals involved to focus clearly on their respective responsibilities.

## **C. Service Activation**

After concluding a technical trial, Springwich offered to all the Resellers on September 15, 1994 the opportunity to access the cellular billing system directly for the purpose of activating, deactivating and processing changes for their customers. This offer included the provision of computer software to access the billing system, 800 number access, and system training. To date, five Resellers are either on-line or have initiated



steps to have this remote access. Automatic service activation is a significant enhancement to the wholesale product, and will provide convenience for Resellers and their customers.

**D. Interstate Service**

Effective in December, 1994, Springwich will offer to its Resellers "selective access." Selective access will give Resellers the opportunity to choose among any of the three major interstate interexchange carriers, AT&T, MCI, and Sprint, or their traffic may default to Springwich for carriage by SNET America, Inc. In addition, selective access will allow Resellers to offer to end-user customers a choice among these four interstate interexchange carriers. While this is not full "equal access" as the term is generally used, selective access gives Resellers a significant degree of choice for interstate service, pending the outcome of the proceeding on this subject before the Federal Communications Commission. See In the Matter of Equal Access and Interconnection Obligations Pertaining to Commercial Radio Services, Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Notice of Inquiry, CC Docket No. 94-54, RM-8012 (July 1, 1994).

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## BULK DOMESTIC PUBLIC CELLULAR RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

EFFECTIVE RATES

Prices to be charged by Springwich Cellular Limited Partnership to its subscribers which are within the Minimum and Maximum Rate Schedule on file with the Department of Public Utility Control.

The timing of usage for each completed call is as follows: the minimum usage charge on each completed call is one (1) minute. Each fraction of a minute, thereafter, is rounded up to the next 60 seconds for billing purposes.

A. Service Order\$ Charge Per Order

## (1) Number Activation or Service Restoral \*

To process an order for initial activation of a cellular number or for restoral of Bulk Cellular Service due to disconnection, suspension, restriction, or termination, per cellular number. \$30.00

## (2) Changes

To add optional features or change a cellular number or change the identification number of the cellular mobile radio unit, or temporarily suspend a cellular number, per cellular number affected. \$10.00

B. Cellular Numbers\$ Rate Per Month/Number

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| (1) For each cellular number up to 500 numbers (minimum initial order of 50, and subsequent orders in blocks of 25 numbers). | \$10.50 | (R) |
| (2) For each cellular number from 501-2000 numbers (in blocks of 25).  | \$10.50 | (R) |
| (3) For each cellular number from 2001-5,000 numbers (in blocks of 25).  | \$10.50 | (R) |
| (4) For each cellular number from 5001-10,000 numbers (in blocks of 25).   | \$10.50 | (R) |
| (5) For each cellular number from 10,001-20,000 numbers (in blocks of 25).   | \$10.50 | (R) |
| (6) For each cellular number over 20,000 numbers (in blocks of 25).  | \$10.50 |     |

\* A Service Promotion is in effect from August 17, 1994 through December 31, 1994, waiving the Number Activation charge as more fully described in a letter to the Department dated August 12, 1994.

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**FROM:** BCJ

**TO:** JFM (cc: EMK, PT, WLV)

**RE:** Public Utilities Law Anthology

**Date:** April 10, 1995

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This responds to your request to evaluate the above publication, for use by our office.

This is a semi-annual anthology which appears to cost about \$160 per volume, or \$320 per year. It reprints articles on current issues in public utility regulation, mostly from law reviews. This means that the articles are by law professors and, occasionally, law students or consultants.

I think it obvious that we should keep this volume and subscribe to the service in question. The fact that most of these authors are not on the front lines as we are (writing briefs, etc.) actually makes their work helpful to us -- for instance, because they can reflect in-depth on a wide range of issues which we face in the trenches. At least in electric, as we go forward into the task force and into battle with NU in many forums, I would find this series an excellent resource for the price.

For instance, in this particular issue, I see at least 3 articles that are "right on the money" for my concerns --- a) markets vs. central planning (p. 93 +), b) regulating electric holding companies by multi-state compact (p. 233 +), and FERC's jurisdiction to review utility mergers (p. 263 +). Even if these

articles are not always directly translatable to immediate needs we have at OCC, the very fact that someone has done a lot of legal/economic/policy research on the issue in question can be a real time-saver for us.

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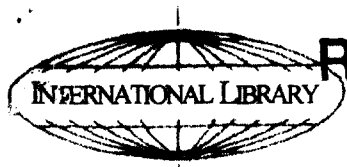
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I believe that the Public Utilities Anthology would be a valuable addition to our library. Thus, I think we should keep this volume and subscribe to receive the two volumes published annually.

This volume appears to concentrate on issues concerning "traditional utilities." However, as the areas of telecommunications converge, this resource will likely become valuable to a larger group

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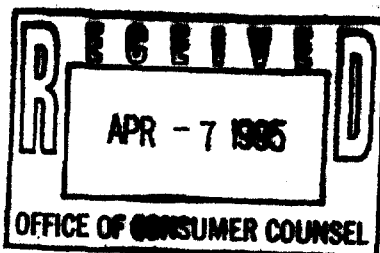


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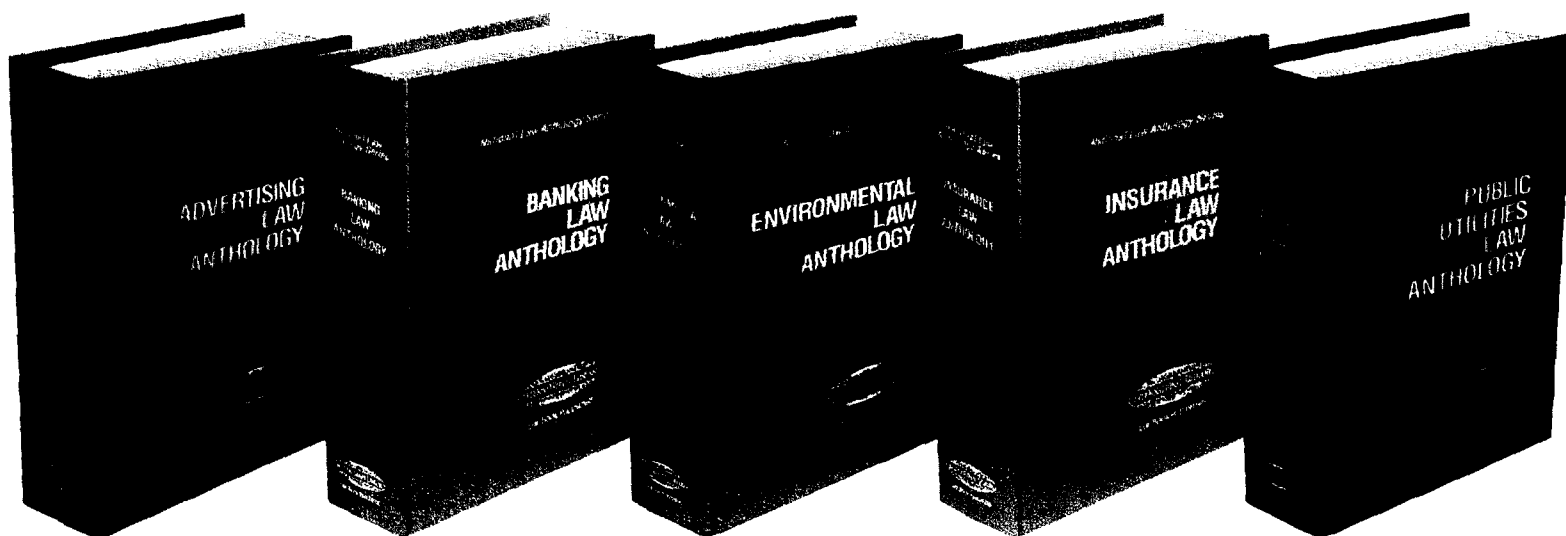


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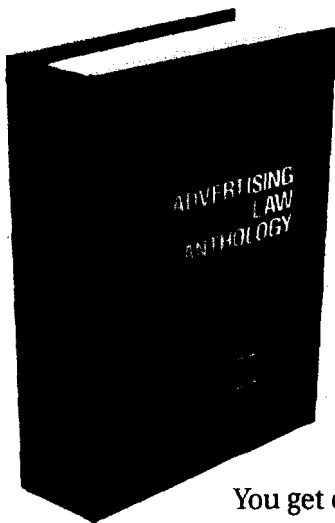
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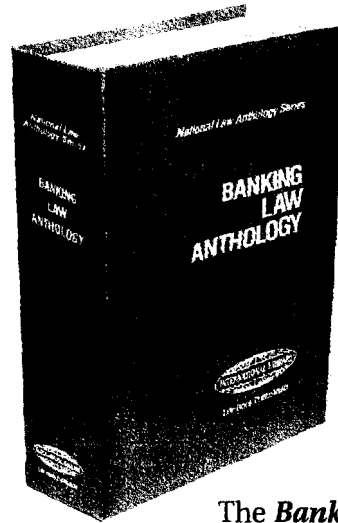
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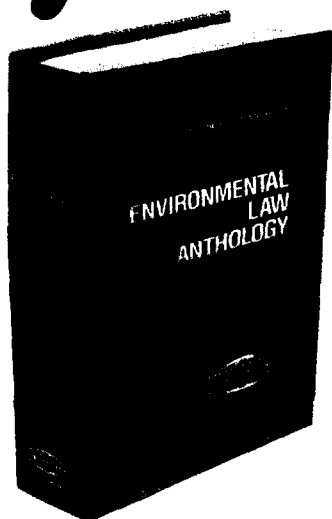
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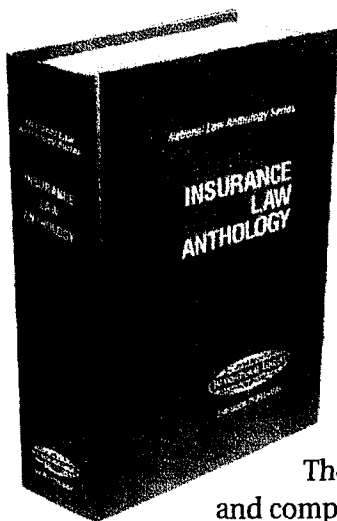
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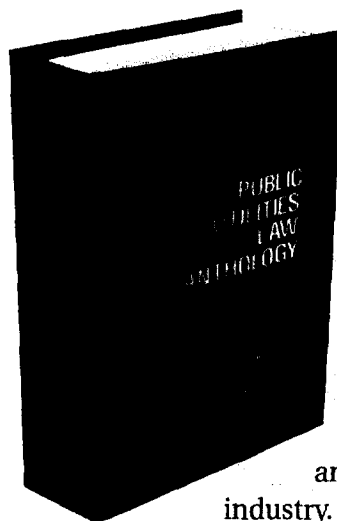
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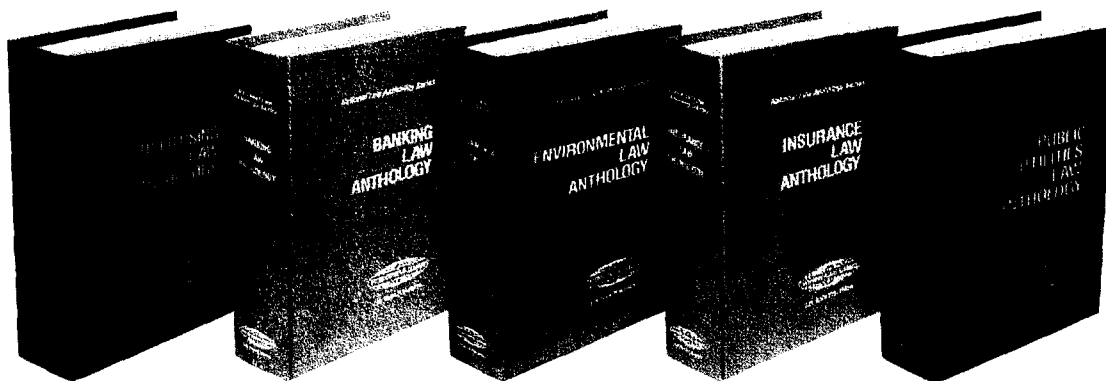
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